

Dearest Mother & All

January 3, 1940

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We have been feeling sick for past few days. The was sea men dead again. I have eaten so much ice cream & dinner we had more turkey for New Years. We have fruit for breakfast & supper.

We enjoy playing cards. We also enjoy the Show and daily Paper. The paper is made up of news that come over Radio etc.

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letter alright? I put stamps on it. I want seal
this maybe Bob will add a few words.

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to keep it? Let us know right away. Have
my clothes cleaned and put away. I only
need the packy pants & Wool shirt, I will
wash the rest when I return.

I will close and mail this now. we put
it in mail box at it is mailed as soon as we
dock. we will ~~soon~~ write again soon. until
then good bye and good luck. Remember I love
you lots.

Yours always
Bob

January 3, 1940

Dearest Mother and all,

Well here I am trying to write again. It may interest you to know that I will be in San Francisco when you receive this letter. We land tomorrow at 2PM. I won't cry either. We will have traveled 4850 miles on water. That's just too much at one time.

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I will close and mil this now. We put it in mail box at is mailed as soon as we dock. We will write again soon. Until then goodbye and good luck. Remember I love you lots.

Love Always,

Brock

Air mail



VIA AIR MAIL

Mrs. J. R. Thomhill
Tylertown,
Mississippi



our address
Mr. James R. Barnhill we return Tuesday
4th MC Powell ready to rebuild this
angle Island, colib. morning and it cost to
most of the boys a ship
but we still have \$7,00 to the
Food and have \$12,00 still coming

from last month the 1200, not lodg. ~~now~~ of course
colib.

Fort MC Powell

Well how is every body to day I hope
you all feel as good as I do. we got to the
harbor yesterday and got another boat and
went to angle Island where we will stay
about 10 or 15 days. it is a pretty place and
they feed good too, we havent had much to eat
on boat. The trip was wonderful, it even
lips a dream, but I still intend to see man
before we get to Hawaii, and on the way
back we will come through states from S. F.
won't that be fine. you know I said I would
some rough water to see how I would feel
so sick. well we got the rough water but I
didn't get sick but I come so near to it I change
my mind, I don't want to get sea sick. I.C. got
sick and I hope to have lost his stomach it runs
ever from watching them hang over the rails.
we have been close to coast lines for a long way
and see nothing but ~~the~~ mountains, and

they run as pretty we went through
the golden gate at San Francisco bay yesterday.

San Francisco is nothing but a mountain it will
but it is pretty we are going to get a pass and look
over every thing before we leave.

Well did the car get home alright. I hope so. I
drove the ~~the~~ other night that he hadnt gotten
thus yet, and again it was torn up. I hope we
get a little to day and will feel better. I wish
we could have gotten the car home xmas but
couldn't make it. I hope you all had a big time eating
tomorrow you did. Now is our baby coming &
know their getting prettier every day. Don't
forget to tell her about her Uncle. Now is
Betty soon and daddy coming. I am still looking
for a letter from them, tell Betty soon to be
careful about her reviewing.

We have decided for you to put our children up
and take good care of them for we will need them
when we get back, because we are going to see some
of the states before we get back and will come home
bapt. we will sail for Hawaii between the
20 and 30 of things. write us a long letter and I
remember I love you all Bob

Fort McDowell
Angel Island, California
Jan 6, 1940

We got our laundry ready to send off this morning and it came to \$6.00 so we are going to have work day before long. Most of the boys are broke but we still have \$17.00 to the good and have \$12.00 still coming from last months pay not [unreadable]

Well how is everybody today. I hope you all feel as good as I do. We got to the harbor yesterday and got on another boat and went to Angel Island where we will stay about 10 or 15 days. It is a pretty place and they feed good too. We hadn't had much to eat on boat. The trip was wonderful, it was like a dream, but I still intend to see more before we get to Hawaii, and on the way back we will come through states from S.F. Won't that be fine. You know I said I wanted some rough water to see how I would feel sea sick. Well we got the rough water but I didn't get sick but I came as near to it I changed my mind. I don't want to get sea sick. A.C got sick and like to have lost his stomach it was fun watching them hang over the rails. We have been close to coast for a large ways and see nothing but mountains and they sure are pretty. We went through the Golden Gate at San Francisco bay yesterday. San Francisco is nothing but a mountain itself but it is pretty. We are going to get a pass and look over everything before we leave.

Well did the car get home alright. I hope so. I dreamed the other night that he hadn't gotten there yet and again it was torn up. I hope we get a letter today and I will feel better. I wish we could have gotten the car home Xmas but couldn't make it. I hope you all had a big time which I am sure you did. How is Ava's baby coming. I know she is getting prettier every day. Don't forget to tell her about her uncles. How is Betty Jean and daddy coming. I am still looking for a letter from them. Tell Betty Jean to be careful about her [unreadable].

We have decided for you to put our clothes away and take good care of them for we will need them when we get back, because we are going to see some of the states before we get back and will come home broke. We will sail for Hawaii between the 20th and 30th I think. Write us a long letter.

Remember I love you all, Bob

Fort Mc'Do
Angel Island,
Jan. 8, 1940

Dear Mother & All,

I have been expecting a letter from home, but haven't one yet. I got one from Grace the day I got here. Ray received Did you send to wrong adders. Aunt Mabel wrote Ray you carrying his clothes home. That relieved us of a have been wondering whether the car got there or not. You made it all right with the company? I would like to know every thing is. I've heard several times that it's against the law to do such. Here is hoping that you can keep the We will be here until the 20th so let us know what

We feel much better now that we are on land again. We are located in a good place. San Francisco Bay on one side Angel Mountain on the other. You can see over Fremont from the mountain. "The Golden Gate"; "Alcatraz"; "Woodlawn" and other places of interest.

We were going up the mountain to-day, but it's been raining all day. We will go up ^{but} we will it will be lots of fun ^{but} sure. We went part of the way yesterday we got what we needed plenty of fresh air and exercise.

I made out a laundry slip yesterday. It came to six dollars we decided to wash them ourselves. We left them on the last night. When out this morning to find them scattered all the east. Bob & Ray are racking them out now. If the bugs up there is no telling when they will get dry. Sun shine. You can't tell which one comes next. I expect this to be our last time to put out the washing as long as this.

I expect a letter before you get this one so write me more about it. Do write us if you haven't.

I think we will go Wednesday. I hope
see the place before we leave for Hawaii. I
done a thing since we left the boat. I didn't
in but 48 hrs. on the boat. Therefore I live
nothing since I left home a month ago.
expect we will catch some kind of duty
week. More than likely we will work in

Fort Mc Dowell in a discharge and Placerville
They stay here waiting for a boat. They come
every day and leave every day.

Now is everything in Syntown? Do you need
a rain coat & an overcoat? It's not cold here but
unsightly, Rain, sun shining, and wind.

Hello every one how are you all today.
all fast fine. we just brought my clothes
in the house so they would dry, we had
had a drought here with our clothes so
think we will work if

I weighed 60 and I but you can't give
too much I weighed 60. It was 192 lb. we
weighed. Brock weighed 170 lbs 180.
~~Stress~~ close. I am expecting a little

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I made out a laundry slip yesterday. It came to six dollars (\$6). We've decided to wash them ourselves. We left them on the line last night. Went out this morning to find them scattered all over the post. Bob and Ray are washing them out now. If the weather keeps up there is no telling when they will get dry. "Sun Shine and rain. You can't tell which one comes next. I expect this will be our last time to put out a washing as large as this one.

I expect a letter before you get this one so won't say any more about it. Do write us if you haven't.

We are on Angel Island just across the bay. We can get passes on Wednesdays and Saturdays to go to San Francisco. We didn't go over yesterday. I think we will go Wednesday. I hope to see the place before we leave for Hawaii. We haven't done a thing since we left the boat. I didn't put in but 48 hours on the boat. Therefore I've done nothing since I left home a month ago. I expect we will catch some kind of duty next week. More than likely we will work in kitchen.

Fort McDowell is a discharge and placement depot. They stay here waiting for a boat. They come in every day and leave every day.

The next part of the letter is written by Bob

Hello everyone how are you all today. We are all just fine. We just brought my clothes in the house so they would dry. We sure had a [damage] time with our clothes but I think we will make it.

I weighed Sat and I bet you can't guess how much I weighed 170 Ray 180.

Well Brock has told you all the news so will close. I am expecting a letter.

Mr James R Thornhill

Fort McDowell

Angel Island

Love Brock and Bob

San Francisco, Calif

James R. Thomhill
Wickam, Tuls
17thair Bare Ltd.
Korotub ~~1~~ J.H.



Mrs J R. Thomhill
Tylertown
Mississippi
U.S.A.

Monday Night

Dearest Mother,

Now is every thing in Mississippi? Hawaii is in the hot & health. Sun shine just as hot as can be. Its mighty easy to blister. Hawaii is know as the land of rainbows. I see them everyday although it doesn't rain.

Your sons are making news. we are to have our pictures taken to morrow. I don't know exactly what they are going to do with them. I heard they are going to be put in our home papers and "The Army and Navy Review". we were asked a lot of questions last week. Parents name, when enlisted, when arrived here, Athletics, and education when & how much. I will give details later.

Do you still plan to send up the Igutown Times? It will be great help to us. we take the "Honolulu Advertiser". I like it lots.

I will have letter from you before you receive this. I know it will contain all news so I want ask you for it. I do wonder how things are around the old hills. The boat leaves with mail Friday. I don't know if there is one leaving before then or not. It will take from two to three weeks for this to arrive. I will let Bob finish this. Good Bye & God has lots of love to all his kids.

Korotole Kauai

Hello every one.

Seems that Brock gets the spurs before I start running every time, but of course something.

We started driving this morning, it's not going to be bad, I kinda like it. we have a good Sergeant to drive under. He told us some good news this morning, it really made me feel better. He said that if we were good soldiers in the recruit camp one I didn't mess up that we would get a chance to go to school all day etc, and if that's so which form we are it'll be in school for some really working for it. I was afraid it would be like it was at Maxwell Field. They set you when they work you like K.P. M.R. and that is kind of things don't mean anything. They didn't have any school this and here they have all kinds of school. The Sergeant also said that if we wanted to be a credit to the Officers when we finished the recruit drill and we would have a chance at that. Brock said he was going to try it I think I am going to try air mechanics first if I make it. I am going to have to fly later, most mechanics can fly a plane

anyway. I am afraid I can't pass the exams
and might miss the a.m. so I am going to
skip it early and I might change my mind.
I am going to sleep into it first though.
There were two mechanics riding around this
morning and crashed. They were both from
this field, and hurt pretty bad, both in hospital.
Kodak found out what caused it yet but
don't think that alarms you. Boys, eh? I could hear a lot
of snow & be satisfied. I really wanted that.

I'll be glad when we get a little bit sun like
months since we got one. I know it will be
long and many. I have been writing plenty
in last month. Good mother's Board of bank bill and
Bobby and we are, I hope, to send you. I
think I am getting better. You above it.
Korey has got the pictures yet. I hope they are
good. L.C. had some bad deer here and they
were good. I had a lot of parana carab.

Will have our baby coming. Hell but she
is fat as a pig. She is still spoiled yet, I am expecting
it. Has she been sick yet, from all accounts she is
taking good care of her. Betty runs than I expected.
Korey's much better now. baby. It is gaining much
I wonder how Uncle Fred is doing in his
elections. I hope he won.

We have a radio in our room and we get some
real pretty music, Hawaiian music.

Well daddy and Betty I am know all good
having this dog. for it warms up much yet
without good all warm sunshine. It gets kinda hot
about 12:00 o'clock but every evening and roundy
night it is fine, lay around in shorts and sleep
under a shut. It is fine

lay out to is, starts and blows do you wear
your sport clothes, they have some real
pretty ones here, I'll have to send you a suit
and daddy I don't know what I would send you
but have some good shirts, but I don't know
whether you would like them not. I think
I'll send you one with Duke goes with
your suit and have them I bit you wanted
them.

Well that's about all for to day. It will
probably take a month to get it back to you
and from Gloucester today that was mailed
Dec 27th. I hope it won't take them all that
long, but it had been almost everywhere.

will be looking for a letter from you two
a personal letter you know one like I had
to write you all

Fallingfield. Remember I love you all

Bob

2-6-1940

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Hello everyone

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We started drilling this morning. It's not going to be bad, I kinda like it. We have a good Sargent to drill under. He told us some good news this morning, it really made me feel better. He said that if we were good soldiers in the recruit camp and didn't mess up that we would get a chance at going to school all of us, and if that's so which I am sure it is I'll be in school or I am really working for it. I was afraid it would be like it was at Maxwell Field. They put you where they wanted you. Like K.P., MR, and those kind of things don't mean anything. They didn't have any schools there and here they have all kink of schools. The sergeant also said that if we wanted to be a cadet to the officers when we finished the recruit drill and we could have a chance at that. Brock said he was going to try it. I think I am going to try air mechanic first if I make it. I am going to learn to fly later, most mechanics can fly a plane.

Anyway, I am afraid I can't pass the exams and might miss this AM for I am going to take it easy and I might change my mind. I am going to look into it first though. There were two mechanics riding around Sun. morning and crashed. They were both from this field and hurt pretty bad, both in hospital. [unreadable] found out what caused it yet. But don't let that alarm you. Boy if I could be a pilot I would be satisfied. I really would like it.

I'll be glad when we get a letter, it seems like months since we got one. I know it well be long and newsy. I have been writing plenty in last week. Grandmothers, Boyd Thornhill, Aunt Babe, and Mae, Ava, Herbert, Fred and you. I think I am getting better. How about it.

Have you got the pictures yet. I hope they are good. J.C. had some developed over here and they were good. I had a lot of Panama Canal.

Well how is our baby coming. I'll bet she's as fat as a pig. Say, is she spoiled yet. I am expecting it. Has she been sick yet. From all accounts Ava is taking good care of her. Betty nurse than I expected. How is Uncle Hobson's baby. It is gaining much.

I wonder how Uncle Bud come out in his election. I hope he won.

We have a radio in our room and we get some real pretty music, Hawaiian native.

Will daddy and Betty Jean know you are farming these days. Has it warmed up much yet. We have good old warm sunshine. It gets kinda hot about 12 o'clock but every evening and morning, night it is fine. Lay around in shorts and sleep under a sheet. It is fine.

Say what size shorts and blouse do you wear and daddy. I don't know what I would send you. We have some loud shirts but I don't know whether you would like them or not. I think I'll send you one with hula gals with grass skirts all over them. I bet you would shine.

Well that's about all for today. It will probably take us a month to get it. Brock got a from Lroc yesterday that was mailed Dec. 27th. I hope it won't take them all that long but it had been almost everywhere.

Will be looking for a letter from you two a personal letter. You know one like I had to write you all.

Tell [unreadable] hello. Remember I love you all,

Bob

B. Thanhill
17th Air Base
 Hickam F.
 Honolulu, 2-41.



BUY U.S. SAVINGS
BONDS
ASK YOUR POSTMASTER



Miss Betty Jean Thanhill
P. J. R. Thanhill
Lyberton, Mississippi
U. S. A.

Konakule Hawaii
March 7. 1940

Hello Sir

Boy I got your letter this morning
and was in interesting, it was mailed
the 5, of Jan. you remember that clock
you made about three hours ago
now I am afraid you made a mistake
were you thinking of your boy friend

You know you told me my movement
to the stars often my class, that
first up him. He came back ~~back~~
and found two boy's playing and
they got something they were
looking for, pinwheels, Brock can
tell you something about that
for he got on him several times
you might have not heard about
it though.

So Santa Claus was good to you
I will soon glad for he didn't come

out over the ocean. I never will
forget that Xmas eve ever between
Ponoma and San Fran. You should
have enough puzzles to keep you
going for a while.

That dinner still sounds good. That
12 lb turkey and fresh meat with
all that company I know you all enjoyed
it.

Now you ~~promise~~ to mother that
you can write a ^{letter} if you have
I want you to prove it to me. I don't
believe you can.

You mentioned Milton having the
stove fire up wrong, has he got
all the eyes ~~fixed~~ if I don't understand
you saying. Do mother a ~~bit~~ it much.

You mentioned playing ball with
the children school, but I don't say
who ever but ~~can~~ figure that out
will be good double ugly save Bob

Thursday evening

Hello Dad:

So mother and Betty from do you the same way Brock does me. They write and have me writing, but glad to hear from you even though it is kinda late. ~~meaged~~

Soape like you ~~had~~ on the car too soon, said you got 70 and believe it would wash 80 and then everything had to go wrong with it, but mother says it is about ready to go again. Soape is anyway, next time you get him in it, have the fast hood fast it will go.

You said you all started cleaning the swamp, it is hard to believe but after all that snow I don't know you got much done. It sound like you all are planning on a big crop this year, want you to see that it something

made over it this year.

You had about you being sick had
you over again.

Well Coop. I hope I have told you
can't think of another thing to write
so will close.

Bye good bye I love you lots
Your Son

Book told you why thing while I was
Playing basket ball. I want to say the
same her has. No need to repeat it.
Just read his over.

We are still having Jan. we got
16 letters this week. To day is only Thursday,
we may get more. Glad is real nice
about writing. I got 3 letters from her.

No news. So will close

Love
Book.

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 7, 1940

Hello Sis

Hey I got your letter this morning and was it interesting. It was mailed the 5th of Jan. You remember that crack you make about those handsome men. I am afraid you made a mistake or were you thinking of your boyfriend.

You know you said Mr. McNair went to the store after every class. That's just like him. He came back and found two boys playing and they got something they weren't looking for. I imagine Brock can tell you something about that for he got on him several times. You might have not heard about it though.

So Santa Clause was good to you eh. Well I am glad for he didn't come out over the ocean. I never will forget that Xmas we were between Panama and San Francisco. You should have enough puzzles to keep you going for a while.

That dinner still sounds good. That 12lb turkey and fresh meat with all that company I know you all enjoyed it.

You mention Milton having the stove fixed up wrong. Has he got all the eyes fixed yet. I don't remember you saying. Does mother use it much?

You mentioned playing ball with the different school, but didn't say who won but I can figure that out. Will be good double ugly.

Love, Bob

Hello Dad,

So mother and Betty Jean do you the same way Brock does me. They write and leave me nothing but glad to hear from you even though it is kinda late.

Looks like you bragged on the car too soon, said you got 70 and believed it would make 80 and then everything had to go wrong with it, but mother says it is about ready to go again. I hope so anyway, next time you get her in it, show her first how fast it will go.

You said you all started cleaning the swamp. It is hard to believe but after all that snow I don't imagine you got much done. It sounds like you all are planning on a big crop this year. I want you to see that something is made on it this year.

Too bad about you being sick. Hope you are up again.

Well looks like I have stalled. I can't think of another thing to write so will close.

Be good and we love you lots

Your sons

Bob told [unreadable] while I was playing basketball. I want to say the same I want to say the same news. No need to rewrite it. Just read his over.

We are still having fun. We got 16 letters this week. Today is only Thursday, we may get more. Grace is real nice about writing. I got 3 letters from her. No News so will close.

Love

Brock

May 15, 1940
Wheel Field
18th Air Base & Gym
Karakub T. H.

Dear mother & Avad Family

We got your letter the first of week. It sure did sound like you are enjoying your rest, and am I proud, that's just what you need. How did you feel getting up at nine o'clock and drinking coffee in bed. I know you feel much better by your letters.

I suppose you all are about up with your sewing by now. You mentioned making us some pajamas and bath robes, it was nice of you to think of that, but I don't care for any, Brad might want some.

So bad about Coxon's wife being sick hope she is better by now. Roy got a letter from home today and said Willis was ever so sick again and had been in the hospital.

You keep mentioning writing all and all we hadn't even got their address and we didn't get a letter from them

either. And as their address, wrote
Maud and Webb last week.

Well I havent got bat about two
more weeks to go to school. I think
we get out about the third of June.
I will be glad when it arrives.

I am going to try to get a physical
exam for Randolph. So, and I have
I am going to work to pass the next
and it is going to take a lot of work
too.

Well here is Lou and B. I. coming
I bet they are having a time. I can't
wait to get some more pictures of her.
I know she is a cutie.

Sure that I am stuck so will class
for this time

Love to all
Bob.

May 15, 1940
Wheeler Field
18th Air Base Sqdn
Honolulu, T.H.

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To bad about cousin Ricky being sick. Hope she is better by now. Ray got a letter from home today and said Willie Mae was sick again and had been in the hospital.

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Well how is Sue and B.J. coming. I bet they are having a time. I can't wait to get some more pictures of her. I know she is a cutie.

Seems that I am stuck so will close for this time.

Love to all,

Bob

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May 16, 1940

Dear mother:

Well I just got your letter, one from
Ana and B.L. and you, and they were very interesting.
I was glad to know you had got my letters
for I knew I had written them.

Do they have same army planes in
the comb. now. I imagine you had a
little ab what we hear or let ab. There
is only 28 planes thus and about 100
here. You talk like you expected same
large planes, but I suppose you were
disappointed when you saw them. I
suppose thus were all pursuit planes
or did they have same bombers and
thus. The Bombers are pretty good
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passengers, they are made for carrying
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we have. We have been having ~~many~~
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all during the day and night, alert
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So daddy is trying to be good and get you back out on the old hill he will

just forgot it all for I wouldn't have
you go back for anything. I am sure
every thing will work out fine, but
of course it will take a little time.

You said you were going out and
see him about giving you claim on
the crooked neck chick, & he will be agree
and thing go on as smooth as possible
and the neighbor made a good crop. I just
hope you have made your furniture by now
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for after all we owe it all to you, I
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 day when he got his rating, he was
 expecting a record 5th which pays about
 \$40 but he only got 6th class private
 which pays \$3. more, and then find oh
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I hope you all can get them same clothes to wear and the expense won't be so much then.

I hope B. F. will soon get settled and met same play mate, I am so glad for her, for I know she will go places if she has a chance, like her big sis.

I am sure you all got my letters for you had just build mail when I recd mother letter and said you all had got them.

Ava that baby oh yours must be the doings from all I can hear. Don't for get to send us some of her pictures

far I want to pop up with her
much as possible.

Hope like this is all far tonite
no will class.

Sue

Bob

May 16, 1940

Dear Mother,

Well I first got your letter, one from Ava and B.J. and you, and they sure were interesting. I was glad to know you had got my letters for I knew I had written them.

So they have some army planes in McComb now. I imagine you hear a little of what we hear a lot of. There is only 28 planes there and about 100 here. You talk like you expected some large planes but I suppose you were disappointed when you saw them. I suppose they were all pursuit planes or did they have some bombers over there. The bombers are pretty good size, but there is no room for many passengers, they are made for carrying bombs. Any way, you saw the planes we have. We have been having maneuvers over there too. Air raids all during the day and night, alert calls all during the night, we will blackout about the 26th I think.

How do you think I would look as a pilot. I am determined to be one or nothing in the Army.

Looks like you can't get your mind off of letting the car go back, but you just as well too. We are expecting a raise about the 15th of next month and I enjoy sending the money to you. We have plenty anyway. I know you all will need the car and in a month or two we will hardly miss the money, so just take it easy here. You said you hated to mention it on account of everything you write seems to be unpleasant, but still I like to hear it all. I hope someday all the news will be good, and if I make that pilot I think we will be fixed. I almost know Brock will make it.

So Daddy is trying to be good, and get you back out on the Old Hill-Ha. Just forget it all for I wouldn't have you go back for anything. I am sure everything will work out fine but of course it will take a little time.

You said you were going out and see him about giving you claim on the crop and rent check. I hope he agrees and things go on as smooth as possible and the negroes make a good crop. I suppose you have moved your furniture by now or have you.

I hated to hear about uncle Hobson and he bank, but the way he has it fixed he won't lose much. I hope he comes out all right.

I think Ava and Major has been mighty, mighty good about everything and I know Ava enjoys it all. I only wish it was something I could do, but don't you worry about your independence for after all we owe it all to you. I just hope someday I can just pay a little of what I owe you back in some, for I know what you have been through to get me this for after all make you happy makes me happy, so don't let the wrong idea, for we all will never repay you.

Poor J.C. got disappointed the other day when he got his rating, he was expecting a 1st and 5th which pays about \$40, but he only got 6th class private which pays \$3. more, and those kind of rating are hard to get rid of too. If they push something like that at me

I am going to tell them to keep it but I think we will get a pretty good one. We got our last weeks grades this morning and I had an average of 80.

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I am glad uncle Will is paid for I don't see how I could pay him now.

Alle seems to be happy don't she, well I hope she will always be and they will have the best of luck. I wonder if Jep will get married now.

Brock wrote me a note. I have been trying to get him to come up to see the place, but he won't. Therefore I will go down Sat. sometime.

Remember I love you dearly

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I am sure glad you all got my letters for you had [unreadable] mother letters and said you all had got them.

Ava, that baby of yours must be the doings from all I can hear, Don't forget to send us some of her pictures for I want to keep up with her as much as possible.

Looks like this is all for tonight so will close.

Love

Bob

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It was nice of you to take mother to the show. I know she enjoyed it.

I suppose you are all dressed up by now and started to Sunday School. I want you to take mother along to, I know she wants to go though.

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Was glad to hear of mothers improvement. I know that you would get her on her feet again. I bet she is a flapper now. I hope you manage to keep her feeling fine. Don't let her worry about her sons for we are in fine condition. I believe we are safe from the war tho it may enter. Don't let the war upset you though. We may not even declare war.

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Yes, it will me much nicer for mother to get her wash tub
and bed. I bet she would like to have that good old bed too. I would
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will be discontinued within a few weeks. I will go
to same school that Charles is in, only I will only go
three months and he will go nine.

Glad you ~~had~~ heard from Doolie. I hope she continues
to be happy with Joe.

Send a picture of family along with the ones of
Sue and Coral. I bet all of you are cute. I would like
to slip in on you when I wasn't expected.

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You want to turn it in now hear you are lost
without it. Try and fix it. We are going to keep
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of becoming rich. Do you?

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Will write others now. They may let you
read this.

Lots of love
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Betty Jean is the next up to bat. Ava is right, you must be dumb. Your address is wrong and your writing is awkward. Should I send you a fountain pen. See if you can't borrow mother's. I don't like to get letters written with pencil. That is backward, say and catch up dear. Use a pen at all time. Never use a pencil to write letters.

I bet you have added a few names to your list by now. Do your best to meet all the nice boys and girls. They will mean a lot to you. I am glad that you go to recreation center to play. You should meet lots of friends there.

Now is Sunday School and Church dear. I hope you enjoy them as I do. You must feel dressed up in that pretty dress and new shoes.

I was proud of my red flower on Mother's day too. There wasn't been worn but I wore mine. There is only one day out of 365 set aside for mother, I think there should be more. Let's make every day Mother's day. Why can't it be her day as good as it can be yours or mine. All if you can make such be true. I know you can if you want it that way.

I will see that mother will be able to get you a Bible for your birthday. You need one bad. Use a capital B when used in Bible always. Always think of that when you write the word. Capitalize pronouns that are used

instead of Bible. You are right just about 30 days from now and you will be twelve years old.

Did you enjoy your visits at the Papes. I know you had lots of fun.

You have been very good about writing. Don't feel bad because I correct you. I am only trying to help you. I had to be told once-upon-a-time. I look for mistakes in letters. It does me a lot of good to discover mistakes that you and others makes in letters. If you don't believe it ask Grace the next time you see her. As I was saying I like your letters, you could make the appearance better though.

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P.S. Has Grace got a sister name Marjorie?

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Flowers through the mail. Trying to be nice for a change. Don't let things of that sort pull you out of the happy days that you are now living. We can't be trusted, you should know by now. You are where you belong and that's where you are going to stay.

Poor ~~upper~~ lower-bottom. What is going to become of that place. I guess you will have plenty hay in a few weeks. That's alright, maybe the rest of the place will make up for it.

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May 24, 1940

Wheeler Field

Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Mother:

Well I got those letters to day and where they interesting. They were mailed the 11th of May, I should have some more tomorrow, at least I hope so. I suppose you got the letter I wrote yesterday, but I couldent think of a thing to write so I decided to try again.

I suppose you all are enjoying that summer weather about now. I know it feels good after all that cold and wet mess you all had. The climate hadent changed a bit over here as I can tell, and I hope it dont because it is just right. We have a good bit of rain in the Spring of course but it's not bad.

Aunt Babe must be getting around a good bit now, she has been down several times here lately. I know she enjoys it for she didn't have much time to go much or she didnt think she did any way.

When are you going to take Betty Jean to Jackson to get her tonsils taken out, be sure and get it done before school starts again, because we dont want them to be in her way, Iwsnt her to make the honor rôle out there. You said you didn't want me to have mine taken out, You needen worry, because they hadent bothered me at all since I have been over here and I hope they dont.

It was mighty nice of Grace to think of sending you a mothers day card. I suppose you have got the handchief I sent you. I hope you get to see her before she gets off to school.

So you are going to get to see "Gone With the Wind" I hope you enjoyed it and I am sure you did.

Boy did I laught when I read about the flowers, that was a joke. I can see him ratharing flowers for you, I bet they were fixed up nice and all. Just let him send his flowers or any thing else he wants to. He has had his chance, but take it, If he had another one I dont think he would do any better. We still hadent heard from him. All he thinking about is the place and some one to cook and wash for him.

Well I am glad to know that the crop is in pertrty good shape, maybe they will make enought to pay the bills and interest on the loan. I hate to see the bottom day out but I dont eminare it would make much any way at least it hadn't in the last few years.

So Sue Carol gave her mother some candy for Mothers day, That sure was** nice of her. From all accounts she must be a humdinger and I bet she is. Sue must be like her uncle Bob kinda smart, she seems to be catching on fast, but I can't picture her trying to walk.

Aunt Nora and uncle Bud has move, I hope they like it, and I cant see why they wouldn't. So uncle Bud fixed his other camp up it sure will help out a lot. I suppose you are going down for a few days on Grandmothers birthday, I know you all are looking forward to that day. Brock and I are going to get something for her and send it to you and you can give it to her. I dont have the least idea of whatto get. I sent her a Mothers day card the same time I sent yours.

They must have had a time with those Army planss over there. We had almost all of our planes up at one time and hadent had a crash the whole two weeks or even since we have been over here. They must have had some new pilots or something. I wonder if they have found the boy that was lost yet.

Well I finish Tuesday week just six more days and I go back to Hickam Field That is if I dont get a job up here. The teacher said he had already had some jobs for some of the boys, If we wanted to stay up here but I think I will go back to Hickam.

Our new teacher gave us permission to use the typers at night, so that's why I am writing you this example of my typeing. It is almost too

dark to seethought so that will account for the mistakes. It takes to much to fill a page so I am going to double space for a while.

I will answer Avas letter now so she want get mad and quite writeing.

Ava you must be takeing good care of the gal for she writes like she use to except the letters are a little shorter somes times, but they do sound good. Thet she is getting around like a girl of about 19 or 20. I hope she has got that hat so she can start to Sunday School for she all ways did like to go.

So you are a widow again eh. Well maybe you will get use to it before long. Maybe you will have better luck in the future I hope so any way for I know how it is when your husband or wilf leaves you for a day or two. HA! Like I have had the experence ()*-@/? isant that a joke.

I am glad Betty Jean is begaining to get adjusted to the new climate it want be long before she will be knowing every one in Mc Comb. (especially the boys)

And Sue Carol stood up in the rocky horse the first night I bet she is carrying it around from room to room by now. I cant wait to see those pictures you made of her. Say how much do she wiegh now you hadent mentioned it's wieghts for a long time. Betty Jean said she had began to pull hair.

I was glad to know that Charles is makeing good for I believe he really likes the work he's doing. So S.G. is thinking about getting out well If you dont like the Army it is too bad because you are stuck for a pertty good while when you sign the dotted line. If I dont make Randolph I will be home to stay. I dont see where a noncommission officer gets much out of it. I see too many old Batchlors hanning around to suit me.

I am glad to know that Coolie is so happy. Hope it continues that way and I am sure it will. I wonder how Jane is comming .
(over)

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When are you going to take Betty Jean to Jackson to get her tonsils taken out, be sure and get it done before school starts again, because we dont want them to be in her way, Iwsnt her to make the honor rôle out there. You said you didn't want me to have mine taken out, You needen worry, because they hadent bothered me at all since I have been over here and I hope they dont.

It was mighty nice of Grace to think of sending you a mothers day card. I suppose you have got the handchief I sent you . I hope you get to see her before she gets off to school.

So you are going to get to see "Gone With the Wind" I hope you enjoyed it and I am sure you did.

Boy did I Laught when I read about the flowers, that was a joke. I can see him rathering flowers for you, I bet they were fixed up nice and all. Just let him send his flowers or any thing else he wants to. He has had his chance, but take it, If he had another one I dont think he would do any better. We still hadent heard from him. All he thinking about is the place and some one to cook and wash for him.

Well I am glad to know that the crop is in perty good shape, maybe they will make enought to pay the bills and interest on the loan. I hate to see the bottom lay out but I dont eminare it would make much any way at least it hadn't in the last few years.

So Sue Carol gave her mother some candy for Mothers day, That sure was** nice of her. From all accounts she must be a humdinger and I bet she is. Sue must be like her uncle Bob kinda smart, she seems to be catching on fast, but I can't picture her trying to walk .

Aunt Nora and uncle Bud has move , I hope they like it, and I cant see why they wouldn't. So uncle Bud fixed his other camp up it sure will help out a lot. I suppose you are going down for a few days on Grandmothers birthday, I know you all are looking forward to that day. Brock and I are going to get something for her and send it to you and you can give it to her. I dont have the least idea of whatto get. I sent her a Mothers day card the same time I sent yours.

They must have had a time with those Army planes over there . We had almost all of our planes up at one time and hadent had a crash the whole two weeks or even since we have been over here. They must have had some new pilots or something. I wonder if they have found the boy that was lost yet.

Well I finish Tuesday week just six more days and I go back to Hickam Field That is if I dont get a job up here . The teacher said he had already had some jobs for some of the boys, If we wanted to stay up here but I think I will go back to Hickam.

Our new teacher gave us permission to use the typers at night , so that's why I am writing you this example of my typeing. It is almost too

dark to seethought so that will account for the mistakes. It takek to much to fill a page so I am going to double space for a while.

I will answer Avas letter now so she want get mad and quite writeing.

Ava you must be takeing good care of the gal for she writes like she use to except the letters are a little shorter somes times, but they do sound good. Ibet she is getting around like a girl of about 19 or 20. I hope she has got that hat so she can start to Sunday School for she allways did like to go.

So you are a widow again eh. Well maybe you will get use to it before long. Maybe you will have better luck in the future I hope so any way for I know how it is when your husband or wilf leaves you for a day or two. HA! Like I have had the experence ()*-@/? isant that a joke.

I am glad Betty Jean is begaining to get adjusted to the new climate it want be long before she will be knowing every one in Mc Comb. (especially the boys)

And Sue Carol stood up in the rocky horse the first night I bet she is carrying it around from room to room by now. I cant wait to see those pictures you made of her. Say how much do she wiegh now you hadent mentioned it's wieghts for a long time. Betty Jean said she had began to pull hair.

I was glad to know that Charles is makeing good for I believe he really likes the work he's doing. So S.G. is thinking about getting out well If you dont like the Army it is too bad because you are stuck for a pertty good while when you sign the dotted line. If I dont make Randolph I will be home to stay. I dont see where a noncommission officer gets much out of it. I see too many old Batchlors hanging around to suit me.

I am glad to know that Coolie is so happy. Hope it continues that way and I am sure it will. I wonder how Jane is comming .
(over)

I sure hope the "Tylertown Town Times" gets here because I sure would like to see what is going on around there. I told daddy to have one sent over here but I doubt if I ever get it.

I will write Miss priss a note now :

Miss priss I sure was to know that you had started to sch Sunday School for you really need to go . You sure don't know how much I enjoy your letters they are really interesting, just keep it up.

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Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of thier country.

This is a little of what we have to do in typeing.

Well good night to you all and remember I love you all lot's

Love
Bob.

Bob Thornhill
148 & 148 1/2 11th St.
Kicham Field
Baraboo, I. H.

August 21, 40

Dear mother: Eva: B. F. and family:

We got a nice long letter today, sure
was glad to get it. Glad that you decided to
add a note to B. J. letter. Too bad about you
being sick. hope you are better by now. So
that's why it takes so long to get our letters
you forgot to mail them.

Same like it is going to flood you all
out, if it keeps raining, I bet John is
mad an account of he can't get a fountain.
He should be over here, he could really get
one. I have given up all bakers, f blisters so
damnable and paid off and blisters again.
Did he get to go to Twin park to go swimming
yesterds.

As you had unexpected company I imagined
it was a surprise. So he had a man waiting
for him and it turned out to be Uncle Will.
Some bps he can't tell the truth. He
won't ever be able to that if I don't suppose
it sure was nice of him to give you all

that money. He is the same all the time and
no hope for better, and B. J. and I have got
a present from him. Did he say anything
about you going back out there or ask you to
go. for him staying with G. mother or at the
house?

Do you have been seeing para lady. I don't
see where you can make any money sewing
at that rate so I would forget it, too much
work for nothing.

So we havent got a birth certificate. I hope
to get it fixed up in the near future, so we
want have to wait till after Dec. this a
boy in the tent with me, and the big command
to O him to report to him so he has a year
and half at college and R. O. T. C. and he is
going to be a mid at Naval. Box is holding
till Uncle Tom to work them up "Please."

So Uncle Bill say we are not satisfied
with his mistakes. I don't know about J. C.
he is saving his money, but not to buy
out, I don't think he never says anything
about it, and for Rog he hasn't saved a
penny. I think he is mistaken, and for
me I would go back now if they would

turn in about. I failed for two years
and I am going to try to make something
if I can in these two years and I hope
things back this is settled and the
war taken care of. If I make what I
want I will return otherwise I want
I am doing every thing I can to make some
thing worthwhile, but I don't know where
you can make much unless you can make
an officer and if you do you have nothing
to worry about. The most you can make is
about \$15. and you can loan it in no time.
It usually takes about six years to make
stabb and that is about all you can depend
on, that only pay \$72. and I care much
for the army or an enbts man. I hope
I am lucky enough to get a good job when
we get home.

You just worrying about Brockport &
we are only 1 block apart just 1 block between
us and he is moving in the same block
with me. So don't worry. as long as we

on the same part we can't be far apart.

I suppose John enfoz'd that dinner
you feed for him, I know I would. How
is he comming with his work.

So I was trying to show her husband
broke her bottle, I bet she is a cather with
you all to play and pick at her all the time.
I bet she is hard to keep clean with her
all over the floor in the dust, but she
will live through it wedid. the dirt will
do her good, you know her mother used to
eat dirt remember?

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108 points. ~~we~~ we had 12 planes to go out
to met it yesterday, it was about 150 miles
out and I almost got to go with them but
I dont. I am going up to morrow ~~we~~ might go
to the big flood, dont know yet. I hope I
dont get sick.

I went to the ball game this evening
there was good bad to play 10 innings to play
off the tie 3 to 3 and we won, we had only
been beat twice this year.

Dear Ma:

Your excuse is getting old better get a new one ha so you told your pop off or what you should, but it won't do any good. I thought he was working good many with all that was to do. He talks all the time about having so much to do.

Pid ~~him~~ get out ~~with~~ with the prision
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can't you do that more often. I usually
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many being lost, that pop sent you. I
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So. I wish I could hear you sing
over the radio. we hear W.W.L sometimes.
we listened to ~~K. Kanner~~ ^{K. Kanner} ~~most~~ this evening
from 3:30 to 4:30. it was a good program.

you must be earning in B.t.p.c.
to not a post in play. well will have
to close so will soon.

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Hq. Sq. 11th gp
Hickam Field
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Dear Mother, Ava, B.J. and family,

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So you had unexpected company. I imagine it was a surprise. So he had a man waiting for him and it turned out to be Uncle Will. Seems like he can't tell the truth. He won't ever be able to do that I don't suppose. It sure was nice of him to give you all that money. He is the same old thing and no hope for better, and B.J. and I've got a present from him. Did he say anything about you going back out there or ask you to go. Is he staying with G mother or at the house?

So you have been sewing for a lady. I don't see where you can make any money sewing at that rate so I would forget it, too much work for nothing.

So we haven't got a birth certificate. I hope he gets it fixed in the near future so we won't have to wait till after Dec. A boy in the tent with me, and the Sq. commander told him to report to him so he has a year and a half of college and ROTC and he is going to be a 2nd Lt. Reserve. Boy is he lucky. Tell Uncle Tal to rush them up [unreadable].

So Uncle Orvil says we are not satisfied, well he is mistaken. I don't know about J.C. he is saving his money, but not to buy out, I don't think he never says anything about it, and for Ray, he hasn't saved a penny. I think he is mistaken. And for me I would go back now if they would turn me a loose. I joined for two years and I am going to try to make something if I can in those two years and I hope things back there is settled and the war talk is over. If I make what I want I will reenlist otherwise I won't. I am doing everything I can to make something worthwhile, but I don't see where you can make much unless you can make an officer and if you do you have nothing to worry about. The most you can make is about \$75 and you can lose it in no time. It usually takes about six years you make staff and that is about all you can depend on, that only pays \$72 and I care much for the army as an enlisted man. I hope I am lucky enough to get a good job when we get home.

You keep worrying about Brock and I. We are only on block apart. Just 1 block between us and he is moving in the same block with me. So don't worry. As long as we are on the same part we can't be far apart.

I suppose John enjoyed that dinner you fixed for him. I know I would. How is he coming with his work.

So Sue was trying to show herself and broke her booty. I bet she is a cutter with you all to play and pick at her all the time. I bet she is hard to keep clean with her all over the floor in the dust, but she will live through it we did. The dirt will do her good, you know her mother used to eat dirt, remember?

The Hunter Liggitt came in today with 108 recruits. We had 12 planes to go out to meet it yesterday, it was about 250 miles out and I almost got to go with them, but didn't. I am going up tomorrow. Might go to the big island, don't know yet. I hope I don't get very sick.

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Love, Bob

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You must be coming in B.Y.P.U. to rate a part in a play. Well will have to close so write soon. Love, Bob

8-22-40

Everyone,

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I got my pictures from company to-day. I put most of them in album to-day. I will have to get more corners before I put the rest of them in. If the single pictures were not printed at Flying Film Co. send the negatives instead. I want all pictures to have the border. If they are not 6-20 I would like to have the negatives also. ~~Send what~~

It is easy to blister over here. The sun blistered me before I knew she was in the sun. I am peeling off now. I went swimming yesterday. The water is nice but don't like the salt.

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Don't let any body make you think that we are not satisfied. We can stay here two years without getting tired of the place. But, we will be ready to leave in '81.

Sorry that we got you use to money and let you get nothing. We will see what we can do about the matter. \$130 goes on the car this month. I hope to be able to get Bettys jeans clothes next pay day (October). You will have to do the best until then. We got another letter from Co. today. I will answer his letter to-night but not with money.

Be sweet and take care of your self. Will write later. Good bye & good luck. Love & kisses Brock

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Brock

7-9 State St.
Natchez, Miss



Mrs. Bessie B. Thornhill
Magnolia, Miss.

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Well the dress & cake came last night. The dress is adorable and fits her perfectly. She looks like a doll in it & is she proud of it, you should see her strut in it. I tried it on her this morn. we didn't go to Sunday School. Major was sick last night and to-day need of medicine & too much pork sausage. He took his dosage of Sal Hyptia last night but was still under weather this morn so I called druggist & had Paul send me something out. It did the trick and I think & want you to try it. It seems to be your dose. Major insist I send you this bottle (he disliked taste & did it keep him tralling, Ha). I speak I might need it again heh? It is Fleet's phospho-soda. Let me know how you come out.

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Vacant. I hope.

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